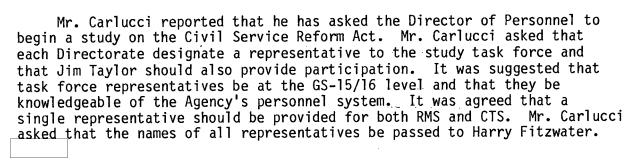
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 23 May 1979	
The Director was at his EOB office; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.	25X1
Lehman advised that we don't overlook the importance of the growing dilemma being faced by the Soviets in Afghanistan. They must decide on the continuing shoring up of the existing government and its ability to deal with insurgency or risk a new government that would be more Afghan than Communist. The Soviets would also have to consider military initiatives at an even higher risk.	25X1
McMahon reported on the difficult food situation in Vietnamstudents at a major school for petroleum industry management were observed as being undernourished and falling asleep in class. He reported also that the Panamanians have an apparent manpower shortage, e.g., light manning at the Port of Balboa and other ports. This could present serious difficulties for Canal management when the treaty goes into effect.	25X1
Hetu reported that Jack Anderson called this morning regarding his reporting (attached) of an NID item on SALT verification which alleges a willingness by the Soviets to cheat. Bowie said that he does not believe the Anderson item came from an NID because NFAC inspection revealed no specific reference in NIDs dating back to 1975. Hetu said that he also had a call from Anderson a couple of days ago on a purported Top Secret codeword document in his possession dated 1975. This document is not related to the aforementioned item.	25X1 25X1
Hitz reported on his office's busy schedule of briefings and meetings this week with Congressional elements, including: a Headquarters breakfast briefing for Representatives Skelton and Gephardt of Missouri on the Saudi oil situation; a briefing on SALT verification for C. Sorrels, SFRC Consultant,; another Cranston luncheon briefing on SALT by will attend for Hitz); and a briefing by NIO/NP on Pakistan's nuclear capabilities to the HFAC Subcommittee. Mr. Carlucci asked Bowie to be certathat is acutely aware of the sensitivities on this topic.	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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At Mr. Carlucci's request, Taylor explained the difficult situation at hand in preparing an appropriate appeal to the House-Senate budget conferenc regarding the 1980 Contingency Reserve Fund. This precipitated a lengthy	е
discussion on all aspects of the problem centering mainly on two issues the need for fund replenishment beyond provided in the	25X1
current conference report and the annual fund level Mr Carlucci asked	25X1
conference report.	25X1

Attachments

